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SUBJECT: Public Review of Kenai NWR Draft Fire Management Plan Environmental Assessment

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, announces the availability for public review of its Draft Fire Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA). This Draft EA presents two fire management alternatives and an evaluation of the environmental consequences of each. The draft Fire Management Plan is a step-down plan to the 2010 Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan. The plan presents:

- Wildland fire management goals, objectives and standard practices
- Wildfire hazards and risks for identified values and assets
- Proposed hazardous fuels mitigation activities

The public is invited to comment on the Draft EA. The document is available on the following websites: <http://bit.ly/14WYZOe> and <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/nepa.htm>. Hard copies are available at the Kenai NWR Headquarters, Ski Hill Road, Soldotna, Alaska or by calling Refuge Headquarters at 907-262-7021.

Comments on the Draft EA must be received by May 31, 2013 be considered in development of the final plan. Comments may be sent electronically to kenai@fws.gov; by mail to Refuge Manager, Kenai NWR, Soldotna, AK 99669; or by fax to (907)262-3599 (attention Refuge Manager).

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